

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30th, 2006

Faith Sharing Readings and Questions for

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 2 Peter 1: 16-19
Mark 9: 2-10

Theme: "This is my Son, my beloved.
Listen to Him."

Question for Adults: How do you make time and space to listen for God's voice?

Question for Children: We have to be very quiet to hear what God is saying to us. When do you spend quiet time with God?

Monday, July 31st, 2006

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, priest
Jer 13:1-11 Jer 13:1-11 Mt 13:31-35

5:45 p.m. - Daily Liturgy

Intention: For all who opened their hearts & homes during the fire

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Office Hours

Tuesday, August 1st, 2006

Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, bishop
Jer 14:17-22 Mt 13:36-43

8:00 p.m. - Daily Liturgy

Intention: For all fire fighters

Fr. Mark's Day off after mass

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Volunteer in Office

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 2nd, 2006

Jer 15:10, 16-21 Mt 13:44-46

5:45 p.m. - Daily Liturgy

Intention: Sexually Abused

9:00 a.m. - Noon - Volunteer in office

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

Thursday, August 3rd, 2006

Jer 18:1-6 Mt 13:47-53

8:00 a.m. - Daily Liturgy

Intention: Repose of Ray Hume

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Office Hours

6:30 p.m. - Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina

Friday, August 4th, 2006

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, priest
Jer 26:1-9 Mt 13:54-58

8:00 a.m. - Daily Liturgy

Intention: For much needed moisture

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Office Hours

Saturday, August 5th, 2006

Jer 26:11-16, 24 Mt 14:1-12

Sunday Readings

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Food Pantry

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist

Intention: Repose of Greg Wagner

Ministry Schedule:

Bread Baker: Lori Kline

Altar Servers: Bethany, Hannah, Elijah
Ehresmann

Blood: Jan Schurman, Jayme & Reggie Hunt,
Carol Conway

Body: Jerry Silbernagel
Lector: Dennis & Judy Olson
Sacristan: Erik & Estela Haakedahl
Usher: Loretta & Bernard Wiehl
Choir: Folk Group

Sunday, July 16th, 2006

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist

Intention: Parish Community

Ministry Schedule:

Altar Servers: Alyssa Hoffman, Brianna Quinn,
Elizabeth Carreiro

Blood: Barb, Gary Erickson, Kathy Amiotte, Marty
Quinn

Body: Beth-Ann Ferley

Lector: Larry & Joyce Williamson

Sacristan: Barb & Gary Erickson

Usher: John Carreiro & Anita Tidemann

Choir: Regina's Minstrels

9:00 a.m. - Coffee & Rolls

10:30 a.m. Liturgy of Eucharist

Intention: For all travelers

Ministry Schedule:

Altar Servers: Kaleah & Austin Evans, Mary
Pulaski*

Blood Brad & Mary Blauvelt, Denise McCormick,
Barb Scherr

Body: Jim Scherr

Lector: Jim Pulaski, Joni Osnes

Sacristan: The Blauvelt Family

Usher: The Inman Family

Choir: Family Choir



Sparks By Mark

On Thursday evening as our church parking lot was full of people, including parishioners, who gathered with heavy and worrisome hearts as we watch the East Ridge fire. Again, I felt so helpless that all I could do was to fill my mind and heart with prayer. My helplessness with others turned to offering hospitably—food and drink, the use of bathrooms, a place to leave cars and a camper, bringing a sense of security to those in need. My helplessness with others turned to offering hospitably—giving a needed hug, listening and simply being present to people, learning what some of them took with them as they left their homes in a hurry. As I listened it seemed what they brought with them was mostly their pets and pictures of memories etched in their hearts.

As I woke up the in the morning looking out side and seeing the hillside and the ridge go up in flames, again I found myself praying the "prayer for rain." One phrase in particular hit me, "Bless them with the living blessings of both gentle rains to saturate the sun-baked earth and hard rains to replenish our river and dams. Then, in the words of the psalmists, the land will rejoice and the rivers will sing."

As the hillside and the ridge went up in flames, one can almost hear but for sure see the hillside, crying out for abundant rain. Let us join the land,

lamenting, crying, and praying that God may send the rain we need to soothe the parched, sun-baked earth. And some time soon, we will make known the words of the psalmists once again, "the land will rejoice and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of all people will be made glad."

Fr. Mark

Please continue to Pray for Rain

O, God, in you we live and have our being. We thank you for the moisture we have had; we are in need of more. Please grant us rain in sufficient abundance. Most days we realize, looking up into the clear blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear.

We place our trust in you. We are sure that you know our needs, but when we ask we realize even more so how totally dependent we are on you. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear Father. Bless them with the living blessing of both gentle rains to saturate the sun-baked earth and hard rains to replenish our rivers and dams. Then, in the words of the psalmist, the land will rejoice and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of all people will be made glad. We ask this of you, Father, through Christ your Son in the Holy Spirit, who binds us all together. AMEN.

Join us for Centering Prayer
and Lectio Divina

Thursdays 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
At Our Lady of the Black Hills
Call Father Mark McCormick at
787-5168

Prayer Corner: Names will remain on the list for one month. Please contact the office for continued prayers.

Improved Health - McKenzie Baker, Darrell Sanderson, Doug Nickles, Michael Habbe, Justin Judy, Melinda Jessen, Marla Shaffer, Anita Vandermay, Richard Eaton, Enola Sorlie

Repose - Ray Hume



STEWARDSHIP

July 22nd & 23rd General Collections

Loose	\$1,676.84
Envelopes	\$1,244.45
Votive	\$12.06
Student	\$150.85
Building	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total	\$3,333.66

***Correction: last week the total for General Collection was written in error. The true total was \$3,858.11.

Renovation Pledges

May 1st, 2005 to April 30th, 2007
Total Pledged - \$141,112.01
Total received - \$94,114.67

RENEW . . .

Are you searching for meaning in your life?

The people of our parish are a community of Jesus' disciples, and we want to embrace a renewed commitment to God, to one another and to our world. Beginning in September and during the next three years, we will journey together using the RENEW process to help us connect with our deepest spiritual roots. Let us pray and ask all our family members and friends to pray that we can reconcile our differences and commit our energies to becoming a world community.

Why Should Parishioners Sign-Up? What's in it for Them?

To be rejuvenated ~ Bringing the daily worries, cares and frustrations into an atmosphere of prayer, reflection and faith sharing can bring new life to our "everyday" world.

It's People Like You Who Keep Our Faith Formation Alive!

If you are interested in having fun, learning more about your faith, and enjoy being in the presence of our young community at OLBH, please consider being a catechist! WE need catechists & helpers for both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Also looking for families to help cook meals for the Wednesday meals.

Call Charlotte Verhey at 787-5168 or 342-3712 for more information.

1st Ever OLBH Golf Tournament Fundraiser

- ◆ **Saturday, September 16th**
Shotgun tee-off time of 7:30am
- ◆ Prairie Ridge Golf Course
outside of Ellsworth AFB
- ◆ 18 holes of golf, cart and lunch
for \$50.00 with all proceeds
going to Stain Glass Fund
- ◆ Closest to the pin, Longest drive,
and Longest putt contests
- ◆ Open to all – male, female and
young adults above 16 yrs old
- ◆ If you would like to sign up or
have any questions, contact Todd
Wivell at 718-9302 or 385-2351
- ◆ Money is due by Sunday,
September 10th.

Parish Directory Becky Johnson will be heading up our pictorial directory and will need help. If you are interested in helping, please call Becky in the parish office at 787-5168 or email her at becky@olbh.org.

The Knights of Columbus are collecting donated items for a rummage sale fund raiser. The rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 26th. Anyone interested in renting a spot or donating items for the sale, please contact John Wang at 718-8913 or by email at warden@kofc7079.org.

Diocesan News:

Fourth Annual Diocesan Youth Commission Meeting and Rally will be held August 26 at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City. Guest Speaker is Sean Dalton. More information will be forthcoming soon.

OFFICE HELP NEEDED St. Elizabeth Seton needs office help with strong computer and people skills. Responsibilities include monthly newsletter, correspondence, answering phones, general office duties. Applications may be obtained at St. Elizabeth Seton School office from 8:00-1:00 M-F. Send resume to: SES - Attn: Marcia
431 Oakland St
Rapid City SD 57701
(605) 348-1477

Mass of Consecration for Susan Safford Mr. and Mrs. James C. Safford joyfully invite you to attend the Mass of Consecration of their daughter, Susan Marlene Safford, to our Lord Jesus Christ in the Order of Virgins. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Blasé Cupich at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 520 Cathedral Drive, Rapid City. All are welcome to attend a reception in the cathedral hall following Mass.

Consecrated Virginity is a vocation in the life of the church, a permanent state of life, an espousal to Christ by means of a solemn consecration. The consecrated virgin shares in the nature and mission of the church and is a sacramental sign of the church's love for Christ. She is especially called to pray for her bishop, the clergy, and the people of the diocese.

A TEC RENEWAL DAY

Presented by the Diocese of Rapid City

What: TEC is Teens Encounter Christ, a Catholic spiritual movement for older adolescents and young adults

Who: Those who have attended a TEC or SEARCH weekend and adults who want to know more about TEC

Why: Fellowship & fun, spiritual growth, dialogue & discussion, TEC updates

When: Saturday, August 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Keynote talk by Bishop Cupich at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Blessed Sacrament Church parish center, 4500 Jackson Boulevard, Rapid City

Cost: Free will donation. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Reply to: TEC, Attn: Teresa, PO Box 678 Rapid City, SD 57709-0678 Phone: 605-343-3541, Fax: 605-348-7985 or E-mail: TEC@diorc.org

"A grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped to the ground and dies. But if it dies, it bears much fruit." John

12:24

Faithful Citizenship Sunday July 30 - 17th

Sunday of Ordinary Time All those whom we consulted seemed to agree on one thing: the status quo is not really working-victims are often ignored, offenders are often not rehabilitated, and many communities have lost their sense of security. All of these committed people spoke with a sense of passion and urgency that the system is broken in many ways. We share their concern and believe that it does not live up to the best of our nation's values and falls short of our religious principles. In light of this, we seek to do the following in these reflections:

- Explore aspects of crime and punishment in our society
- Examine the implications of the Church's teaching for crime and punishment
- Apply principles of Catholic social teaching to the criminal justice system and suggest some directions for policy on crime and punishment
- Encourage action by Catholics to shape new alternatives

Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice: A Statement of the Catholic Bishops of the United States, Introduction. November 15, 2000, USCCB. www.usccb.org/sdwp/criminal.htm (From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission Faithful Citizenship Committee)

For The Ride Home

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2006

Scripture

• 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.' (2 Kings 4:43)

• The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; (Psalm 145:15)

• as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:4-6)

• Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. (John 6:11)

Reflection

• Why were the people following Christ? What do they want?

• In today's scripture does anyone go without? Is spiritual food (God's love and grace) plentiful or scarce?

• A small amount of food from one or two people in the crowd becomes food enough for all after it is blessed (transcended) by Christ. Do you have a gift to provide to the community through Jesus?

God reveals himself where there is anyone who respects life, who desires the light, who seeks to love. Every time you open yourself to life, every time you act the truth, every time you love, God is there in your action. It is if you were creating your God. By doing things as Jesus would do them, as God would do them you free God from the veils of invisibility and make him visible on man's journey. (Carlo Carretto)¹

